Why does this cartoon depict Roosevelt carrying his “big stick: through the Caribbean?



* Roosevelt believed that an aggressive foreign policy was needed to prevent Caribbean nations from incurring major debts with European nations.
* But Why?
* Let’s look more closely at his foreign policy:
* **Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine**
  + - Declared that the US would act as an international police power
    - Became known as the **“Big Stick Policy”**
* **The Great White Fleet**
  + The hulls of these ships were painted a stark white, giving the armada the nickname "Great White Fleet“.
    - * showpiece of “American goodwill”
      * triumph in the [Spanish–American War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish%E2%80%93American_War), with possessions that included [Guam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guam), the [Philippines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippines), and [Puerto Rico](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rico)
* “**American Lake”**
  + - US Sent troops to the West Indies and Central America so often that the Caribbean became known as an “American lake”.
      * Roosevelt Corollary was deeply resented by most Latin Americans.